GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
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REVIVAL OF SSP AND ASP
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken decision to revive Salem Steel Plant (SSP) and Alloy Steel Plant (ASP), Durgapur;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) & (b): The financial and business restructuring package for Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) that was approved by the Government in February 2000, inter alia, envisaged formation of Joint Venture (JV) for Salem Steel Plant (SSP), Salem and Alloy Steel Plant (ASP), Durgapur with a view to reviving these plants.While pursuing with the divestment process, efforts are also on to reduce the losses through increased capacity utilisation, economic utilisation of ASP-SSP synergy for short term gains and reduction in inventory & manpower.

(c) Does not arise.